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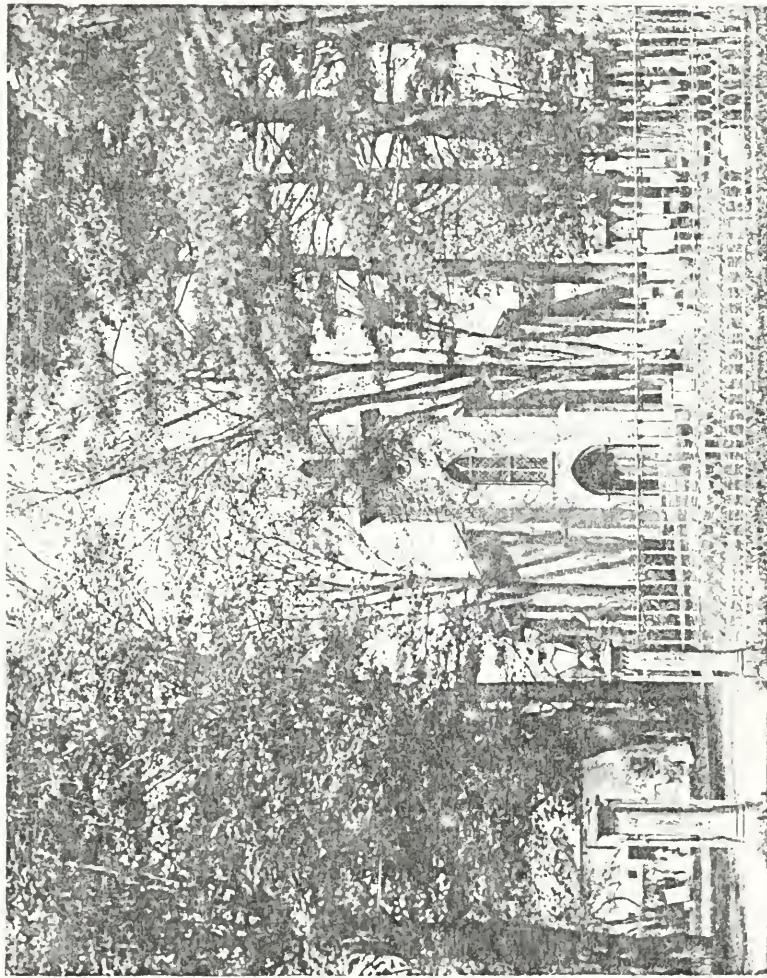
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CHRIST CHURCH, 1899.

Officers of the Church.

1899.

RICHMOND SHREVE, D. D., *Rector.*

WARDENS:

HORACE M. HOOKER, WILSON T. BASSETT.

VESTRYMEN:

G. POMEROY KEESE,	CHARLES J. TUTTLE,
WILLIAM H. MERCHANT,	WILLIAM CONSTABLE,
LEE B. CRUTTENDEN,	LYNN J. ARNOLD,
R. HEBER WHITE,	HENRY D. SILL.

LEE B. CRUTTENDEN, *Clerk.*

WILLIAM H. MERCHANT, *Treasurer.*

WILLARD D. JOHNSON, *Supt. of Sunday School.*

Miss L. BLANCHE ROOT, *Organist.*

HERBERT H. COMBS, *Choirmaster.*

DELOS VAN NORT, *Sexton.*

NOTE.—Names are given in the order of service.

Historic Record of Christ Church, Cooperstown.



Mr. Fenimore Cooper, in his Preface to the "Chronicles of Cooperstown," opens with the words: "It is always desirable to possess authentic annals."

Recognizing this fact, and with a view of gathering under one cover the somewhat fragmentary records which now exist of the Parish of Christ Church, the writer has undertaken this compilation.

Forty-five years ago, the then Rector, Rev. S. H. Battin, performed this task, taking the history from the first recorded service of the church in the village, down to the year 1853. These records are probably as complete and full as it is possible to make them, and they are herewith used entire, barring a few verbal alterations.

In the year 1797 the Rev. Thomas Ellison of Albany preached in the Court House. This was the first time divine service, according to the rites of the Episcopal Church, was performed in this place.

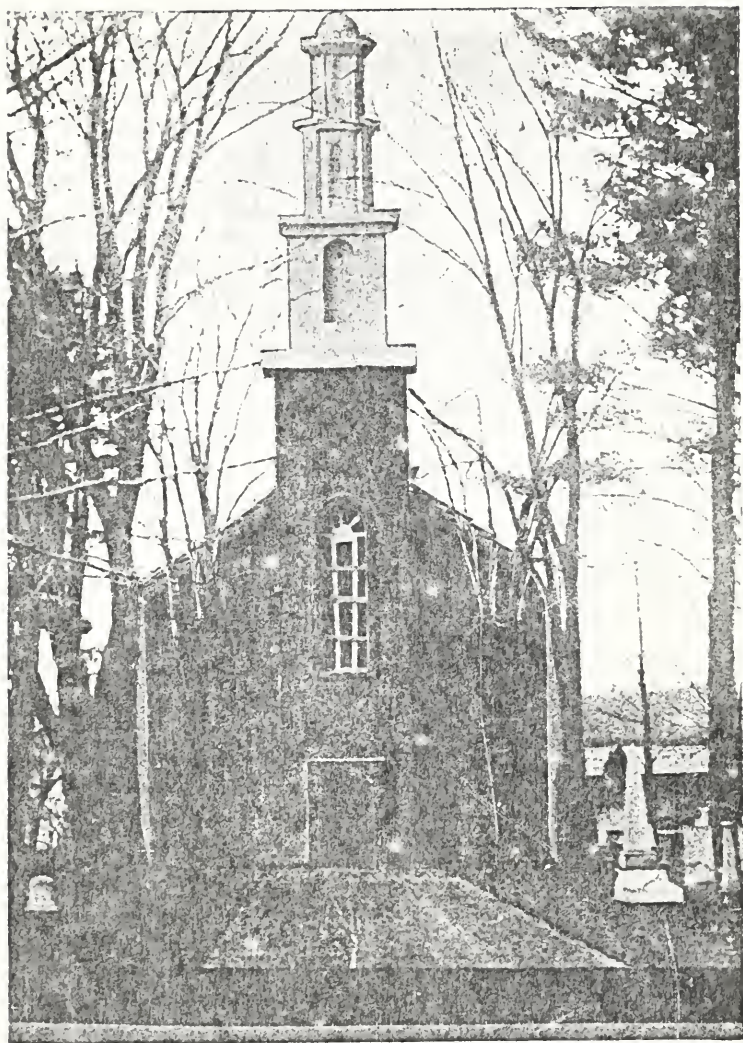
Mr. Cooper, in his "Chronicles of Cooperstown," says: "On the 10th day of September, 1800, the eldest daughter of Judge Cooper was killed by a fall from a horse. Her funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Daniel Nash, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and she was interred according to the rites of that church, which were now performed for the first time in this village. Mr. Nash, since so well known in his own church for his apostolic simplicity, under the name of Father Nash, was then a missionary in the county. From this time he began to extend his services to Cooperstown, and on the first day of January, 1811, a church was legally organized under the title of Christ Church. On the same day Mr. Nash was chosen Rector,

which office, through the delicacy of the clergyman who succeeded him in its duties, he informally held down to the day of his death in 1836." Mr. Nash organized nearly, if not quite, all the Parishes in the county.

About the year 1806 the ground now owned and occupied by the Episcopalians, and also that owned and occupied by the Presbyterians, was given to them by Judge William Cooper. Already several persons had been interred in the Episcopal ground. "The oldest tomb," says Miss Susan Fenimore Cooper in her *Rural Hours*, "belonging to the good people of this little town lies within the bounds of the Episcopal church-yard, and bears the date of 1792. It was that of a child. Close at hand is another stone bearing date two years later, and marking the grave of the first adult who fell among the little band of colonists. At the time these graves were dug the spot was in a wild condition, upon the border of the forest, the woods having been only partially cut away. In a few years other members of the little community died, at intervals, and they were also buried here, until the spot had gradually taken its present character of a burying ground. The rubbish was cleared away, place was made for those who must follow, and ere many years had passed the brick walls of a little church rose within the enclosure and were consecrated to the worship of the Almighty by the venerable Bishop Benjamin Moore, on the 8th day of July, 1810.

"Thus this piece of ground was set apart for its solemn purposes while shaded by the woods, and before it had been appropriated to common uses; the soil was first broken by the spade of the grave-digger, and Death is the only reaper who has gathered his harvest here.

"The greater number of the trees now in the ground are pines, and a more fitting one *than the white pine of America*, for a Christian church-yard, could scarcely be named. With all the gravity and unchanging character of an evergreen, it has not the dull gloom of the cypress or the yew; its growth is noble, and more than any other variety of the tribe it holds murmuring communion with the mysterious winds, waving in



CHRIST CHURCH, 1815—1840.

tones of subdued melancholy over the humble graves at its feet."

After the foundation of the present brick edifice was laid, and the walls had advanced to their proper height, the work came to a stop for the want of pecuniary resources, and for a year or two stood unenclosed. As late as May, 1815, at a meeting of the Vestry, the following resolutions were passed :

"Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draw up and circulate a subscription paper, for the purpose of completing the church, painting the steeple, &c.

Resolved, That a committee be also appointed to obtain pecuniary assistance for the above purpose from Trinity Church, New York City."

The Corporation of Trinity Church had previously, in 1806, donated \$1,500 to aid in erecting the church, and as this is the only gift to this congregation mentioned by Rev. Dr. Berrian in his list of Trinity Church grants, the above application was probably unsuccessful.

At the meeting in January, 1811, for the purpose of legally organizing the Parish, the Rev. Daniel Nash was called to the chair, and Mr. Isaac Cooper was chosen Clerk. Messrs. Daniel Johnson of Fly Creek and Orlo Allen of this village were elected the first Wardens, and

Isaac Cooper,	Elijah H. Metcalf,
Richard Davidson,	Calvin Comstock,
Ira Starr,	Asael Jarvis,
John F. Ernst,	Wm. T. Latin,

were chosen the first Vestrymen of the Parish.

In 1812 John F. Ernst and Asael Jarvis were chosen Wardens. Mr. Isaac Cooper represented the Parish in the Diocesan Convention. The Rector, Mr. Nash, was also present, and reported 100 communicants in the county, and 104 baptisms in the two previous years.

In 1813 the same gentlemen were re-elected Wardens. There was no representation in the Convention, and no report.

In 1814 the same Wardens were chosen. Mr. Nash attended the Convention, and was styled the "Rector of the Episcopal Churches in Otsego County." There was no report.

In 1815 John F. Ernst and Bartlett Rogers were duly

elected Wardens. This year great efforts were made to finish the church building, and pay all the debts incurred. Mr. James F. Cooper was the delegate to the Convention. No report.

In 1816 the same Wardens were continued in office. The Vestry resolved to have a "Common Seal." Rev. Mr. Nash attended the Convention. He reports that he has twice visited Cherry Valley, and that the number of communicants in Christ Church, Cooperstown, St. John's, Exeter, and St. Luke's, Richfield, is 110. Baptisms for the two years past, 67.

In 1817 Daniel Johnson and Bartlett Rogers were elected Wardens. There was no representation in Convention. Mr. Nash reports that his duties have been intermitted for several months, in consequence of having been thrown from a carriage. He had preached in Westford, Cherry Valley and Milford. Communicants in the county, 120. Baptisms, 35.

An important meeting of the Vestry seems to have been held in August of this year, and as it gives the condition of the parish at this time, a copy from the minutes is herewith inserted entire: There were present Rev. Daniel Nash, Rector, and of the Vestry, James Hawks, John H. Prentiss, Samuel Cooper, Bartlett Rogers and Isaac Cooper.

"When, after much friendly conversation and many observations respecting the general welfare of the church, and the pecuniary situation of the Reverend and worthy Rector, it was understood that all previous services were settled for and done away. But still, as the Vestry had a high sense of past services, they were willing, as far as in them lie, to reward accordingly, as may be perceived by the following. There being a sufficient number present to form a Vestry, it was called :

Resolved, That the Vestry of Christ Church pay to the Rev. Daniel Nash, for his services in said church every other Sunday, from 1st of August, 1817, to 31st of July, 1818, two hundred and fifty dollars.

A request being made to Rev. Mr. Nash if this sum would answer his expectations, he replied that he would willingly accept the same. There being a prospect of some surplusage, the following was passed :

Resolved, That after paying the few incidental expenses attending the church for said year, the remainder of the balance of the sale of the pews be paid to Rev. Daniel Nash for past services.

Attest—I. COOPER, Clerk."

In 1818 John F. Ernst and Bartlett Rogers were chosen Wardens, and James Hawks, John H. Prentiss, George Morell, F. Stranahan, Ira Starr, Reuben Comstock, Daniel Johnson, William Higby, Vestrymen. There was no representation. Mr. Nash reports he had preached in Oneida, Chenango and Otsego Counties, and was received everywhere with affection; a large number had been added to the church in New Berlin, and he had baptized in the three counties, in all, 100. In Cooperstown, baptisms 29. He also sent a communication to the Vestry, "manifesting his intention to resign the Rectorship of Christ Church, and Mr. F. T. Tiffany was appointed, at the request of the Vestry, by Bishop Hobart, to be a lay-reader for the congregation."

In 1819 the same Wardens were continued in office. There was no representation in Convention. Mr. Nash reports 2 sermons in Cooperstown, and 5 baptisms; 10 baptisms in Hartwick.

In 1820 Messrs. Ernst and Rogers were again re-elected. On the 21st of April, in St. John's Chapel, N. Y., Mr. Tiffany was admitted to the diaconate by Bishop Hobart, and in June following was called by the Vestry to take pastoral charge of this church. Rev. Mr. Tiffany was present at Convention, held as usual in New York city in October, and reported: baptisms 15, deaths 5, marriages 3, 6 added to communion, whole number 60; and Mr. Nash one Sunday in Cooperstown, probably to administer the Holy Communion.

In 1821 Messrs. Ernst and Rogers were chosen Wardens. Mr. Tiffany attended the Convention and reported: Baptisms 12, marriages 5, deaths 4, communicants 60. He had preached in Westford twice, Fly Creek 7 times, Hartwick 3, Springfield 2, and Middlefield twice.

In 1822 John F. Ernst and Bartlett Rogers were elected Wardens, and Joseph D. Husbands, J. R. M. Miller, George Morrell, F. Stranahan, W. H. Averell, Miles Comstock, Miles

Benjamin, Dwight Jarvis, Vestrymen. Mr. Tiffany was at the Convention and reported: Baptisms 12, marriages 5, deaths 12, communicants 69. Messrs. Wm. H. Averell and J. D. Husbands were delegates to the Diocesan Convention. The following preamble and resolution were passed by the Vestry:

Whereas, The Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Orderson, of Christ Church, Island of Barbadoes, has for nearly two years past gratuitously officiated in this Parish, and in other places in this vicinity, whenever the Rev. Mr. Tiffany was absent; and, Whereas, he is about to return to his own church and people, therefore

Resolved, unanimously, That a clerical gown be procured and presented to the Rev. Doctor, as a token of their gratitude for his services, and their respect and veneration for his character.

In 1823 the Wardens were the same as in the previous year. Mr. Tiffany was at the Convention, and reported himself as missionary at Cooperstown, Cherry Valley and parts adjacent. In Cooperstown, baptisms 2, deaths 3, marriages 12, communicants 70, collections \$7.00; that his stated Sunday services were divided between Cooperstown and Cherry Valley. In both these places the congregation had gradually increased in numbers, in attachment to the Church and, he trusts, in love to God and man. In Cherry Valley, 4 baptisms, 1 death, 17 communicants. He had preached in Burlington once; Westford once and baptized one; Fly Creek twice; Springfield twice, and had distributed Bibles and Prayer Books.

In 1824, Messrs. Bartlett Rogers and Ezra Williams were chosen Wardens. Mr. Tiffany attended the Convention and reports himself as officiating two-thirds of the year in Cooperstown, and one-third in Cherry Valley. Prospects at both places very encouraging. In Cooperstown, baptisms 10; deaths 6; marriages 8; communicants 73; contributed to the Bible and Prayer Book Society of Central New York, \$54.50, and \$5 to the Diocesan fund. In Cherry Valley, communicants 18. He had preached in Springfield, Le Roy, Burlington and Richfield, each twice, Westford once; on Hartwick Hill three times; in Fly Creek six times; Worcester once.

In 1825, Messrs. Bartlett Rogers and Ezra Eaton were chosen Wardens. The Vestry passed a resolution requesting Rev. F. T. Tiffany to officiate in Christ Church, the whole time

for the remainder of the year. Mr. Tiffany was in the Convention. He reports Cherry Valley not so flourishing—no prospect of obtaining a church building there. Mr. Nash administered the Holy Communion once during the year in Cooperstown. The congregation was respectable in point of numbers, and appeared to be gradually rising superior to those difficulties which had heretofore embarrassed every effort to promote its prosperity. He had preached six times in Fly Creek, three in Milford, four in Hartwick, seven in Springfield, and once in Westford. Collections amounted to \$11.00.

In 1826, Messrs. Ezra Eaton and Anson Higby were elected Wardens. Mr. Tiffany attended the annual Convention, and reported that he officiates all the time in Cooperstown, according to the expressed wish of the congregation. In this year this Parish ceased to be a missionary station. Mr. Nash preached here once during the year, probably to administer the Holy Communion. The congregation in Cherry Valley had suffered greatly by deaths and removals. Providence had smiled upon his efforts made to promote the prosperity of the Church in Cooperstown. The congregation had gone on increasing in numbers and attachment to the Church, and in piety. Sickness in his family had limited his missionary labors. Baptisms 6; deaths 14; marriages 8; communicants 75. He had preached three times in Springfield, three in Westford, six in Fly Creek, two in Milford, two in Hartwick, two in Cherry Valley. Collections \$6, to Diocesan fund. Considerable repairs were made on the Church.

In 1827 the same gentlemen were re-elected Wardens. Mr. Tiffany, still a Deacon, attended the Convention. Mr. Nash spent one Sunday in Cooperstown. Baptisms 2; marriages 9; deaths 15; communicants 75. Collections \$16.

In 1828, Messrs. Eaton and Higby were again chosen Wardens. Mr. Tiffany, now a Presbyterian, was present in Convention. He reports, baptisms 2; deaths 5; marriages 12; communicants 77. Collections \$26.

In 1829, the same Wardens. No representation. No report. No collections.

In 1830, Mr. Tiffany attended the Convention. Messrs. Ira Starr and Ezra Eaton were chosen Wardens. No report. No collections.

In 1831, Messrs. Anson Higby and George Pomeroy were elected Wardens. No representation; no report; no collection. The following resolution was passed in January of this year:

Resolved, That we will purchase the Corner lot adjoining the Church-yard, for a Parsonage.

The lot was bought, and the Rectory built, at a cost of \$1,200.

In 1832 Messrs. Higby and Pomeroy were elected Wardens. They were continued in this office down to Easter Tuesday, 1839—eight years successively. There was no representation in the Convention. This Parish had again become a missionary station. Mr. Tiffany reports that he had officiated twice each Sunday in Cooperstown, and preached alternately a third discourse in Cherry Valley and Fly Creek. In Cherry Valley there seemed to be a gradually increasing attachment to the doctrines and worship of the Church. He had preached in Exeter five times, Springfield five, Middlefield four, Westford four, LeRoy one, Hartwick Hill five, and Milford twice. Baptisms, 8 adults, 8 infants; marriages 9; deaths 13; confirmed 31; added to the communion 32; removed 7; whole number of communicants 59. Owing to the pecuniary embarrassment under which the Parish had been laboring, no collections had been made.

In 1833, Mr. Tiffany was in the annual Convention, and reported, baptisms 13; marriages 16; deaths 6; communicants 58. He had in addition to his labors in Cooperstown, preached alternately a third discourse in Cherry Valley and Fly Creek, three times in Gilbertsville and baptized two, and once in Oneonta.

In 1834, no representation in Convention. Mr. Tiffany reports the Church in Cooperstown has had regular services with two or three exceptions. He had preached six times in Fly Creek, twelve in Westford, three in Springfield, once in Oneonta.

Baptisms 12; deaths 15; communicants 57. Collections for the General Theological Seminary \$40; Bible and Prayer Book Society \$10; Tract Society \$10; Missionary Society \$10; total \$70.00.

In 1835 Mr. Tiffany was present in Convention, and Messrs. James F. Cooper and Richard Cooper were delegates, and represented this Parish. He reported baptisms 8; confirmed 10; marriages 9; deaths 14; 10 added to communion. Total 68. Collections \$80.

In 1836 there was no representation and no report. The following communication appears in the proceedings of the Vestry:

"The Vestry, in consequence of the ill health of their Pastor, being apprehensive that a continuance of his pastoral labors may not only prove seriously injurious to his future health, but detrimental to the welfare of the Church, take pleasure in communicating to Mr. Tiffany, that it will meet the entire approbation of the Vestry, that he remit his labors during the cold season so far as to have but one service instead of two, on each Lord's day."

In 1837 there was no representation and no report. "At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church, Cooperstown, Dec. 7th, 1837, it was unanimously resolved, in consequence of the severe illness of our esteemed Pastor, the Rev. John Scovil be invited to fill the pulpit for the space of three months."

In 1838 Mr. Tiffany was present in Convention, and Messrs. J. Fenimore Cooper and E. D. Richardson attended as delegates. This Parish is no longer included among the "missionary stations." Mr. Tiffany reports that in consequence of ill health he had been able to officiate but once since October 1st, 1837. That the pulpit had been supplied three months by Rev. John Scovil, three months by Rev. Isaac Swart, four Sundays by Rev. Orsamus Smith, three Sundays by Rev. Mr. Ransom, two by Rev. Mr. Campbell of Richfield, one by Rev. Mr. Hollis, one by Rev. Mr. Hughes. Baptisms 15; marriages 1; deaths 2; 16 added to communion; whole number 88; 25 confirmed.

In 1839 Mr. Tiffany represented the Parish in the Diocesan Convention. There was no report handed in to the Bishop.

The following resolution appears in the "Minutes of the Vestry:"

"Resolved, That the Wardens and Vestry do gratefully accept of the Silver Communion Service, to wit: The Flagon presented by "The Young Ladies Society," the two Chalices, by Mrs. Ann Williams, the Paten and two Offertory Plates, by Mrs. C. A. Nelson, Mrs. E. F. Beall, and Mrs. G. Keese, in trust for the sole use of said Church, and that the Rector communicate to the Donors severally, a copy of this resolution, together with our thanks for their pious and liberal gifts."

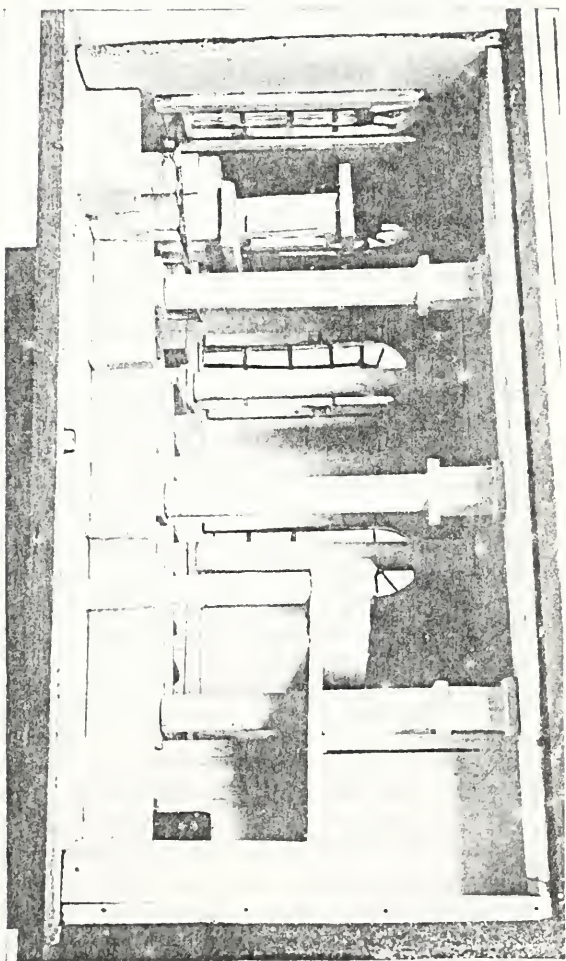
The Wardens elected this year were Messrs. Geo. Pomeroy and John Russell. Also on the 12th of May, "It was unanimously resolved, that the Rev. F. T. Tiffany, present Minister of the Parish, be and he is hereby chosen Rector of Christ Church. The Bishop of the Diocese was notified of this choice.

In 1840 Messrs. Pomeroy and Russell were again elected Wardens. Rev. Mr. Tiffany and E. D. Richardson attended the Convention. The Rector reported: Baptisms 8; deaths 14; marriages 1; confirmed 9; communicants received, 8; present number 95. Holy Communion administered four times; children catechised every other Sunday; Sunday scholars forty; teachers, ten; collections \$41.

In the summer of this year extensive additions and alterations were made in the Church building, at a cost of about \$3,000. The rear wall was removed and a stone chancel erected. A screen of oak formed the west end and separated the body of the Church from the robing-room. In front of this was the prayer desk, with the pulpit above, which was entered from stairs in the rear. The design for this screen was procured from the church in Johnstown, Fulton County. Mr. Fenimore Cooper was much interested in its construction, and the cost, about \$300, was his contribution toward the improvements made at that time. In addition to this, the entire woodwork of the interior of the building was replaced by native oak, the semi-circular gallery removed, and the brackets, which support the roof, took the place of the tall white columns. The old round topped windows were narrowed and changed to the gothic style with pointed arches. New carpets and chancel furniture completed the improvements.

In 1841 Messrs. Pomeroy and Russell were again chosen Wardens. Mr. Russell was a delegate to the Convention. There was no report.

CHRIST CHURCH, INTERIOR. 1811-1840.



In 1842 the same Wardens were chosen. Mr. Tiffany attended the annual Convention, and reported: Baptisms 6; marriages 8; deaths 9; communicants 88; collections \$35. At a meeting of the Vestry, it was resolved that its thanks be presented to Mr. Theodore Keese for a handsome marble Font, given by him to the Church. Also that similar acknowledgement be made to Mr. Elijah H. Metcalf for his gift of two oak chairs for the Chancel of the Church.

In 1843 there was no change in the Wardens. Messrs. Tiffany and J. Fenimore Cooper represented this Church in the Convention. The Rector reported: Baptisms 10; marriages 5; confirmed 23; deaths 5; 19 communicants added during the last year; total 88. Rector absent five months by sickness, during which time Rev. Dr. Bush of Oxford, had charge of the congregation. Collections \$28.

In 1844 Messrs. Pomeroy and Anson Higby were chosen Wardens. Mr. Tiffany was present in the Convention. He reported: Baptisms 8; marriages 11; deaths 4; communicants 89. Holy Communion administered on the first Sunday in each month. Collections \$70. The Sunday scholars catechised openly in the Church once a month.

In 1845 Messrs. Pomeroy and Higby were re-elected Wardens. On the 12th of May, Rev. Mr. Tiffany resigned the Rectorship of the Parish. Messrs. Judge Samuel Nelson and J. Fenimore Cooper were elected delegates to the Convention.

The minutes of the Vestry record the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the thanks of the Vestry be communicated to the Ladies of the Congregation, for the Scarf and Surplice, which they generously presented for the use of the minister."

The ministry of the Rev. Alfred B. Beach commenced July 13th of this year. Collections \$30. From this time no reports were required or published in the Convention Journals, in consequence of the suspension of the Bishop of the Diocese.

In 1846 Rev. Mr. Beach and Mr. Theodore Keese represented the Parish in Convention. Messrs. Geo. Pomeroy and Thomas McIntosh were elected Wardens. At a meeting of the Wardens and Vestrymen held on the 23d of April it was Re-

solved, That Messrs. Henry Scott and J. Fenimore Cooper be a committee to see that the debts of the Church be paid. Collections \$43.

In 1847 Rev. Mr. Beach and Messrs. Theo. Keese and J. F. Cooper were delegates to the Convention. Collections \$7.50 to the Diocesan fund. Messrs. Henry Scott and Henry Miller were chosen Wardens. Considerable repairs and improvements were made in the interior of the Church and Rectory at a cost of \$700.

In 1848 the same gentlemen were again chosen Wardens. There was no representation and no report. Rev. Mr. Beach resigned the ministry of this Parish, Oct. 22d of this year. In the three years and three months he officiated as its minister, there were, baptized 29; buried 27; married 14; confirmed 6; added to communion 11, and received 3. Total, 14.

"At a meeting of the Wardens and Vestrymen of Christ Church, convened in pursuance of a legal notice to that effect, on the 10th day of November, A. D., 1848, it was, on motion duly made and seconded, unanimously

"Resolved, That the Rev. Stephen H. Battin be called to officiate as Rector of said Church."

In order to show the condition of the Parish at this time, the first annual report of the Rev. Mr. Battin as Rector, is inserted entire:

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT.

The following Summary of Parochial Statistics is gathered from the Parish Register of Christ Church, Cooperstown:

In 1849 Rev. Mr. Battin and Mr. Theodore Keese were present in the Convention. The same Wardens were continued in office.

Families, about.....	50
Baptisms, (12 children, 6 adults,).....	18
Confirmations.....	13
Marriages, (4 of which were in the Church).....	12
Burials.....	6
Communicants: added 32, removed 3, died 1, present number.....	82
Sunday Scholars, about.....	65
The number of adult individuals, about.....	157
The number of children old enough to be members of Sunday School, 70	

The alms received at the Holy Communion during the past year, amount to \$66.05.

This money has been expended as follows :

For Communion Elements.....	\$5 25
For Parish Charity House.....	23 00
For Parish Library.....	14 10
For Sunday School.....	8 00
For Sick and Needy.....	9 10
For Wood-house.....	6 00
Total.....	<u>\$66 05</u>

I have anticipated receipts from this source, and made considerable additions to our Parish Library, and some small improvements in our churchyard.

The collections on the second Sunday in the month, amount to \$60.80, of which were given

To Foreign Missions.....	\$10 00
To Domestic ".....	10 00
To Diocesan ".....	10 00
To Bible and Prayer Book Society.....	7 00
To Aged Clergy.....	7 00
To Sunday School and Parish Library.....	9 30
To Expenses of Convention.....	7 50
Total.....	<u>\$69 80</u>

The Contingent Fund.....	\$17 25
The Mite Society.....	51 00

A few members of the Parish have contributed to

The Green Lake Mission.....	\$67 00
Repairs on the Parsonage.....	83 82
Total.....	<u>\$150 82</u>

Total amount..... \$345 92

Additional repairs on the Parsonage, but not yet paid for, about \$75.

I hope that every parishioner will contribute toward its immediate liquidation.

I am sorry to inform you our Church edifice is not yet insured.

The rent of the Pews amounts to, per annum, \$620—of which sum, \$500 is paid to the Rector, and \$50 to the Organist.

Our Parish Library now numbers about 130 volumes.

The Lenten Services, as prescribed in the "Arrangements," were duly observed. I regret that the average attendance upon them was not more than 25 persons

I have officiated regularly every alternate Sunday, since June 3d, at Westford village, at 7 o'clock P. M., and have held Divine Service and preached at both places—in all, 113 times.

The Holy Communion has been administered in Christ Church fourteen times, in Westford once, and in private once—in all, sixteen times.

I have made more than 350 parochial visits, and distributed more than 3,000 pages of tracts.

That the contributors to the Mite Society may know how the money is expended, and how much good has been done by it, I would state that since its organization three years ago, there has been received \$186.94. Its year closes in August.

It has contributed for repairs on Church building, in round numbers,	\$50
To Domestic Missions.....	20
To "Parish Charity House.".....	20
To Sunday School.....	15
To cleaning the church and for choir music.....	20
To Parish Library and Church debt.....	60

Further repairs will soon be needed on our Church steeple; and the interior of the building will not be completely furnished until our organ is improved with some new pipes and an oaken case.

To the Teachers who have so cheerfully and faithfully assisted me in the Sunday School, I tender my sincere thanks. Most earnestly do I request that all the children in the congregation, between the ages of 7 and 15, be punctual members of the School.

May God hasten the time when there shall not be an unbaptized child or adult person in our Parish.

The above statement of the past year's progress in made not surely for the purpose of exciting a feeling of gratification in us, but rather as calling for humiliation, when we consider

how much greater our gifts and advancement should have been, to be a just acknowledgement of the Creator's goodness and our Saviour's love.

Your Friend and Pastor,

STEPHEN H. BATTIN.

CHRIST CHURCH RECTORY, }
Nov. 24th, 1849. }

In 1850 Messrs. Henry Scott and Theodore Keese were elected Wardens. The Rector, Messrs. T. Keese and J. Fenimore Cooper represented the Parish in the Diocesan Convention. A new organ was placed in the Church at a cost of \$550. For the first time the Church building was insured for \$2,000.

In 1851 Mr. Fenimore Cooper, who had recently become a communicant, was chosen Warden with Mr. Henry Scott. The total number of communicants at this time reported was 89, and the amount of offerings for all objects aside from the expenses of the Parish was \$195.26. The Rector's salary was increased to \$600. In September of this year occurred the death of Mr. Fenimore Cooper. To him, perhaps more than to anyone else, the Church owed a debt of gratitude for his unwearied zeal and energy in forwarding the best interests of the Parish.

The year 1853 showed an increase in the number of communicants to 102. In the same year the front of the Church tower was remodeled to conform with the architecture of the other parts of the building. A spire took the place of the old steeple, which had become decayed. The roof was tinned and a new bell purchased—weight, 1,224 pounds. The total cost of these improvements was about \$1,300.

At the close of his fifth year of Rectorship the Rev. Mr. Battin reports for that period: 73 baptisms, 36 confirmations, 40 marriages and 47 burials. Communicants added, about 55; received 35, removed 35, died 7. Total amount of money contributed, aside from the ordinary expenses of the Parish, \$3,025.70.

At the election of Wardens and Vestrymen in 1854, the

following gentlemen were chosen: Henry Scott and Theodore Keese, Wardens. Samuel Nelson, Wm. H. Averell, George A. Starkweather, George W. Ernst, Robert Davis, Richard Cooper, Henry Miller, Wm. A. Comstock, Vestrymen. Messrs. T. Keese, S. Nelson and G. W. Ernst were chosen delegates to the Diocesan Convention. The Convention report shows contributions for Parish purposes, aside from salaries, \$348.63; Diocesan, \$48; general, \$65; total, \$461.63.

The following year the only change in the Vestry was the election of L. C. Turner in place of Henry Miller.

In 1857 the same Wardens and Vestrymen were elected. The financial report of the Parish showed the receipts from all sources to be about \$1,000 and the disbursements the same, viz.: Rector's salary \$700, organist \$50, sexton \$39, fuel, lights and incidentals, \$250.

In June, 1858, Rev. Mr. Battin resigned the Rectorship of the Parish and shortly after a call was extended to Rev. Stephen H. Synnott of New York, and the salary fixed at \$600. Mr. Synnott commenced his duties in September. The Vestry which called Mr. Synnott contained the same members as those last recorded, excepting Dr. J. S. Sprague, who took the place of G. A. Starkweather.

The Rectorship of Mr. Synnott continued for eight years. During the whole of this period the Clerk of the Vestry failed to record any election of Wardens and Vestrymen, or any meeting of the Vestry. We have to look to other sources for the history of the Parish for these years, during which considerable advance was made. The number of communicants at this date was about 110. In 1859 the plain glass in the church windows was replaced by stained glass at a cost of \$400. About this time also a fund was started for the erection of an iron railing to enclose the churchyard. The sum required was not completed until ten years later, when the present substantial and appropriate railing was put up at a cost of \$1,100. The money was raised mostly through the instrumentality of Mr. George W. Ernst, who also contracted for the work.

In 1860 the main building of the present chapel was erected by the subscriptions of the congregation. The design was made by Mr. G. Pomeroy Keese, who secured the money required and supervised the construction. The amount expended was about \$1,300.

Upon the death of Theodore Keese in 1858, Dr. J. S. Sprague was chosen Warden with Mr. Henry Scott. The Vestrymen being: Samuel Nelson, William H. Averell, George W. Ernst, W. A. Comstock, G. Pomeroy Keese, H. M. Hooker, J. R. Worthington and A. A. Jarvis.

In 1861 gas works were erected in the village, and in 1863 gas was introduced into the church, thus enabling the second service to be held in the evening. Previous to this date evening prayer had been said at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The report of the Parish made to the Convention of 1861 is as follows: Number of families, 90; of individuals, 408; baptisms, 30; confirmed, 24; marriages, 7; burials, 13; communicants, 150. Sunday School: teachers and scholars, 145; Bible classes, 32. Celebration of divine service: Sundays 104, holy days 6, other days 17; total, 127.

Offerings: Bishop's salary, \$10; diocesan fund, \$12; diocesan missions, \$47; theological education fund, \$3; Faribault and Nashotah, including support of an Indian boy, \$88; clothing sent, \$80. Domestic missions, \$50.82; Foreign missions, \$50.83. Cost of Parish Charity House, \$1,000; for the poor of the parish, \$25; for parish purposes, \$107.57; church purposes in general, \$195; alms at Holy Communion, \$135.28; for Sunday School, \$9.08. Total, including salaries, \$1,813.69.

This year the Parish Charity House was built, mainly through the exertions of Miss Susan Fenimore Cooper, intended as a home for widows and infirm persons who could pay but a nominal rent. Although the deed was taken in the name of the Vestry and is Parish property, the management has always

been in charge of a committee of ladies. It is self-supporting, and no report is made to the Vestry.

In 1862 the parish was not represented in the Diocesan Convention. The contributions reported were : Parochial, \$568.38, aside from salaries; Diocesan, \$62.31; general, \$281.18. Total, \$911.87.

In 1863 Dr. J. S. Sprague and John Worthington represented the Parish in the Diocesan Convention. The Rector reported: Number of families, 90; individuals, 400; communicants, 147. Contributions: Parochial, \$1,102.44, of which \$306.40 cost of introducing gas into the church; Diocesan, \$73.87; general, \$476.87. Total, \$1,579.31.

The Rector reported the Parish in a prosperous condition, but "that no further growth of the church can be anticipated until an enlargement of the church building takes place," which was undertaken the following year, and completed in 1865.

During the year 1864 plans were made for the enlargement of the church. This was done by taking down the stone addition erected in 1840, and constructing transepts and a new chancel, which was somewhat meagre in depth, owing to the limit of the church lot on the west. The ceiling of the building was also raised several feet. The plans for these improvements were made by Rev. Charles Babcock, until recently Professor of Architecture at Cornell University.

The cost of the work, including carpets and chancel furniture, was about \$8,400, of which sum the ladies of the Parish raised \$1,250 for the interior fittings. As this was much the largest sum ever raised at one time in the history of the Parish, the subscription list of the contributors is herewith given as a matter of record. That there are odd amounts in several instances is accounted for by the fact that some of the subscribers made a second contribution at the close of the work, in order that there should be no debt—a commendable example worthy of imitation.

List of subscribers to church enlargement, 1865 :

Samuel Nelson.....	\$1,000	Bingham & Jarvis.....	\$50
William H. Averell....	1,000	G. M. Grant	40
G. Pomeroy Keese.....	650	F. A. Goffe	40
Edward Clark.....	500	C. R. Bureh.....	35
Robert P. Campbell...	475	John S. Brown	25
J. R. Worthington....	450	W. A. Comstock	25
Henry Scott.....	435	W. C. Keyes.....	25
Mrs. McIntosh.....	325	D. E. Birge	25
Alfred Clarke	300	D. A. Avery	25
A. A. Brown	300	Miss Susan F. Cooper..	25
John Worthington....	175	J. I. Hendryx	37 50
George W. Ernst.....	225	Mary A. Babcock	25
Dorr Russell	125	J. G. Cooke.....	25
George L. Bowne.....	100	Mrs. Beggs.....	15
J. P. Sill	100	Mrs. R. Cooper	10
F. C. Johnston.....	100	Mrs. Haswell.....	10
A. A. Jarvis.....	100	H. Sturges.....	10
G. A. Starkweather....	100	George P. Tucker.....	10
P. E. Johnston	100	W. H. Merehant.....	10
H. M. Hooker	100	Theo. Sayles.....	5
Total		\$7,132 50	

The font, placed in the church at this time, in memory of the late Theodore Keese, was the first memorial given in the Parish.

The windows in the south transept to Mr. and Mrs. Fenimore Cooper, were the first memorials of this character, and were a part of the reconstruction.

During the Rectorship of Mr. Synnott the number of families increased from 60 to 108, and the number of communicants from 110 to 177. At no previous period had so much been added to the increase and improvement of the church property.

In 1866 Mr. S. Bayard Fish represented the Parish in the Convention, and the Rector reported the total contributions of the year at \$9,943.05, of which \$8,952.77 was for the enlargement and refitting the church building.

Mr. Synnott resigned the Rectorship in the autumn of this year, and a few months later the Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel was chosen as his successor, taking charge the following Easter, the Rev. William H. Williams officiating during a portion of the interim.

At the election of Wardens and Vestrymen, in 1868, the

following gentlemen were chosen, viz.: Henry Scott, Samuel Nelson, Wardens, W. H. Averell, George W. Ernst, W. A. Comstock, J. R. Worrhington, J. P. Sill, G. P. Keese, H. M. Hooker, A. A. Jarvis, Vestrymen.

At this date the total income of the Parish from pew rents and collections was reported at \$1,707.38—the salary pledged to the Rector being \$1,300. For the first time in the history of the Parish the Vestry was divided into committees having charge of the church building and chapel, the churchyard and rectory, and the renting of pews. The ladies of the Mite Society were requested to take charge of the interior of the church, “giving it such attention as ladies can best render, in order that it may be kept clean and in good order for service.”

The present Altar Guild is the successor of this initial duty.

On the 7th day of November, 1868, a meeting of the Vestry was held for the appointment of delegates to the primary convention of the new diocese in northern New York, to be held at St. Peter's Church, Albany, on the 2d day of December following. Messrs. George W. Ernst, G. Pomeroy Keese and J. P. Sill were chosen, the two former attending. The minutes of the Vestry also show a receipt for \$800, being the amount contributed by the Parish towards the endowment of the Episcopate in the new diocese. At the session of the church in December the diocese was organized and took the name of Albany, its chief city, and elected Rev. William Croswell Doane, D. D., as its first Bishop.

As the year 1868 was the last in which the Parish reported to the Convention of the Diocese of New York, and as the report exhibits in full its working under the Rectorship of Rev. Mr. Buel, it is here given in full: Families 106, individuals 450, baptisms 24, confirmed 36, marriages 7, burials 10, communicants 170. Holy Communion administered on the first Sunday in the month, and on every Holy Day, for which there is a special preface. Children in the Parish Sunday School, 80; at the County House, 40; Bible classes, 30. Divine service twice

on Sundays, on every Holy Day, every Friday in the year, and every day in Lent.

Contributions: Episcopal fund, \$10; Episcopal fund, Diocese of Albany, \$753; diocesan fund, \$19.50; missions of the diocese, \$20; missions in the new diocese, \$101.88; theological education, \$120; aged and infirm clergy, \$16.51; mission to the Jews, \$15.02; St. John's Church, Portlandville, \$36; St. Matthew's Church, Unadilla, \$110; Memorial Church, West Burlington, \$117; Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$12; for Bishop Tuttle, Utah, \$316; Bishop Clarkson, \$15; Nashotah, \$25.44; Fairbault, \$25; Pacific Mission, \$26; Domestic Missions, \$191; Foreign Missions, \$63.26; Freedmen, \$63.35; for Sunday School, \$75.43; Thanksgiving Hospital, \$70.67; Communion offerings, \$151.99; for the poor, \$256.68; repairs of church, \$801.39; clothing sent south, \$200. Total, \$3,612.12.

As a matter of interest and record the contributions of individuals in the Parish toward the endowment fund of the Diocese of Albany is herewith given, as being the largest sum raised at one time for an object not parochial, \$800 in all:

Samuel Nelson.....	\$100	W. H. Averell.....	\$100
Edward Clark.....	100	D. Hillhouse Buel.....	50
Henry Scott.....	25	J. R. Worthington.....	25
A. A. Jarvis.....	25	J. P. Sill.....	25
Alfred Clarke.....	25	G. P. Keese.....	28
The Misses Cooper.....	25	J. G. Buel.....	25
G. W. Ernst.....	25	J. I. Hendryx.....	15
Mrs. McIntosh.....	15	Mrs. R. Cooper.....	10
H. M. Hooker.....	15	Mrs. Babcock.....	10
D. A. Avery.....	10	G. A. Starkweather.....	10
P. A. Goffe.....	10	W. C. Keyes & Son.....	10
G. M. Grant.....	10	W. H. Merchant.....	5
J. H. Noble.....	5	Mrs. Pomeroy.....	5
Adrain Foote.....	5	P. E. Johnson.....	5
C. R. Burch.....	5	S. Crippen.....	5
S. S. Edick.....	5	A Lady.....	5
John W. Worthington.....	5	Mrs. J. L. White.....	5
Miss Laura White.....	5	H. Sturges.....	5
Mrs. Turner.....	3	Theo. Sayles.....	2
T. B. Smith.....	1	Church Collection.....	23
Total.....			\$800

In 1870 an act of incorporation of the Orphan House of the Holy Saviour was obtained in the Legislature, and it be-

came a recognized diocesan institution. Although general in its character, yet, as it is situated within the limits of this Parish it is entitled to notice here. In October of this year the first building was dedicated by Bishop Tuttle, acting for the Bishop of the diocese.

The report of the Parish for 1870 shows the number of families to have been 102, individuals 455, baptisms 9, confirmed 8, communicants 170, Sunday School scholars 160, teachers 18.

Contributions: Parochial, \$2,414.87; diocesan, including \$1,037 to Orphan House, \$1,601.37; for missions, \$738; miscellaneous, Bible and Prayer Book Society, and box of clothing sent south, \$251. Total, \$5,005.24.

The minutes of the Vestry for this year show the presentation of white and red altar hangings and book marks by Mr. G. Pomenoy Keese, the embroidery being by Miss Emily Doubleday, a gift from her.

In 1871 occurred the death of Dr. W. A. Comstock, for many years a member of the Vestry and Clerk of the same. His place was filled by the appointment of Frederick L. Palmer as Clerk and Treasurer, and by the election of Dr. F. U. Johnston as Vestryman.

In April, 1872, the Rev. D. H. Buel resigned the Rectorship of the Parish. The minutes of the Vestry of this year show a contribution of the congregation of \$75 toward the education of Theodore A. Snyder, a student for the ministry at Annandale.

In July, 1872, the Vestry extended a call to Rev. P. A. H. Brown, an assistant minister in Trinity Parish, New York, to the Rectorship, which was accepted, and Mr. Brown immediately entered upon his duties. At this meeting Mr. Keese presented to the Vestry the sum of \$1,000, being a legacy from his father, the late Theodore Keese. The same was ordered to be entered on the books of the Treasurer and to be known as the "Keese Fund," the income to be used toward the Rector's salary and for the repairs and improvement of the Church property, in accordance with the terms of the legacy.

On the occasion of the election of the Rev. Mr. Brown to the Rectorship, the Wardens of the Parish made a request to the Bishop for his installation. This was the first occasion in the history of the Parish of the use of this office of the Church.

The next Diocesan Convention was held on the 15th of January, 1873, at St. Paul's Church, Troy, Messrs. Ernst, Keese and Johnston, being the delegates. The Rector reported for the year 1872, 67 baptisms, 4 marriages, and 14 burials; number of communicants 185. Offerings: Parochial, \$2,974.19; Diocesan, \$1,018.42; general, \$1,296.72; total, \$5,289.33.

In August, 1873, occurred the death of Mr. Wm. H. Averell. Although never a communicant of the Church, he served for 51 years as a Vestryman. This is believed to be the longest record of official service in the history of the Parish. Mr. Averell was an active and interested member of the congregation, and contributed liberally of his means when occasion required.

On the 5th of November following, Mr. Edward Clark was elected by the congregation to fill the vacancy in the Vestry caused by the death of Mr. Averell.

During this year a subscription was made of somewhat over \$2,000, for a new organ. Of this amount Mr. Edward Clark contributed \$800, accompanied with the request that the organ be placed in the east end of the Church. It was subsequently erected in the southeast corner, adjoining the front entrance.

In December of this year the Parish lost both its Wardens by death, Hon. Samuel Nelson and Mr. Henry Scott, and within five days of one another. The former had held the office for fourteen years and the latter for twenty-seven.

The Rector reported the Parochial contributions of the year at \$4,489.20, of which \$2,000 was represented by the new organ; diocesan at \$995, and general, \$686. Total, \$6,171.48.

At the election on Easter Tuesday, 1874, the following officers were chosen: George W. Ernst, John R. Worthington, Wardens; J. P. Sill, Edward Clark, W. T. Bassett, G. P. Keese, H. M. Hooker, S. W. Nelson, C. F. Hendryx, C. R. Burch, Vestrymen.

In September of this year Rev. Mr. Brown resigned the Rectorship, to take effect on the 15th of October following. On the 14th of November a call was extended to the Rev. Brady E. Backus, then an assistant minister of St. Peter's Church, New York, at a salary of \$1,400, and the use of the rectory. Rev. Mr. Backus accepted the call and soon after entered upon his duties.

During this year a silver alms basin and altar vases were presented to the Parish by friends, not members of the same. Their names are recorded on the minutes of the Vestry. The cost of the gift was \$110.

The Rector reported the statistics of the Parish for the year 1875: Baptisms 26, confirmed 22, communicants 192. Contributions: Parochial, \$3,747.80, of which church repairs \$1,241.45; diocesan, \$706; general, \$259. Total, \$4,613.50.

In September, 1875, a Diocesan School for Boys, under the name of Bede Hall, was opened in the building known as Sunnyside, now owned by Mr. D. H. Gregory. While not officially connected with this Parish, the School had one or more Clergymen of the Church in the faculty, and a good deal of missionary work was carried on in the vicinity. The Parish at Portlandville especially, was cared for almost entirely for a year. Much assistance also was rendered directly in the Parish of Christ Church. The School was established at an unfortunate time, during the years of financial distress in the country, and had an existence of two years only.

In February, 1876, Rev. Mr. Backus resigned the Rectorship of the Parish. At a meeting of the Vestry held at this time a communication was received from Hon. R. R. Nelson requesting permission to erect a memorial tablet to the late Justice Nelson, the same to be placed on the wall of the Church above the family pew; the tablet being a gift from his children. The request was granted.

At a meeting held on the 27th of March, a call was extended to the Rev. John W. Kramer, M. D., as Rector; this call was declined. At the Easter election of this year, George W. Ernst and John R. Worthington were chosen Wardens, and Edward

Clark, H. M. Hooker, A. A. Jarvis, H. Sturges, W. T. Bassett, C. R. Burch, D. A. Avery and Frederick L. Palmer, Vestrymen.

In June following, a call to the Rectorship was given to Rev. W. W. Lord, D. D., then of Edenton, North Carolina, which call was again repeated at a meeting held July 27th.

Dr. Lord accepted the call and entered upon his duties.

H. Sturges, G. P. Keese and A. A. Jarvis represented the Parish at the Diocesan Convention of 1877. The only change in the Vestry of this year was that of G. P. Keese in the place of C. R. Burch.

In January, 1878, occurred the death of Mr. J. R. Worthington, for several years Junior Warden of the Parish. At the subsequent Easter election Hezekiah Sturges was chosen to fill the vacancy, John Worthington taking his place in the Vestry.

The report made to the Convention this year shows: Number of families 130, baptisms 20, confirmed 28, communicants 212. Contributions: Parochial, \$2,524.38; diocesan, \$503.24; general, \$405.66. Total, \$3,433.28.

In 1879 the Wardens and Vestrymen were without change. The Rector, Dr. Lord, who had been called on a salary of \$1,400, voluntarily relinquished \$200 of the same, the income of the Parish having been reduced during the past two years. The Sexton's salary was also reduced at the same time. The contributions reported this year were: Parochial, not including pew rents, \$409.52; Diocesan, \$239.56; general, \$507.69.

In 1880 Messrs. Keese, Sturges and Hooker represented the Parish at the Diocesan Convention. At the election in Easter week, Mr. A. C. Clark was elected Warden in place of Geo. W. Ernst. Subsequently, Mr. Clark having declined the office, Dr. W. T. Bassett was chosen at a special election called for that purpose. During this year the ladies of the Parish raised a fund of about \$600 and purchased new carpets for the Church and caused an ornamental wood flooring to be laid inside the Sanctuary rail.

During this year also, Mrs. J. R. A. Carter requested permission to bear the expense of the enlargement and improvement of the Chapel, then in contemplation, and to make the

same a memorial to her daughter, Marcia. The cost of this gift was about \$3,000, and included the building of a wing for the use of the infant department of the Sunday School, with a cloister connection to the transept door of the Church, an extension of the main building which provided a chancel lighted by a triplet window containing a figure of St. Agnes in the centre. A tablet in brass, on the south wall, indicates by the inscription the name and date of the memorial.

The sum of \$375 having been collected toward the proposed enlargement of the Chapel, and the same having been assumed by Mrs. Carter, the money was ordered to be expended on necessary repairs of the Church and churchyard.

A legacy of \$500 from the late John Wilson was received by the Vestry. No restrictions being placed upon its use, it was invested in a mortgage, and the income applied for parochial purposes.

In September of this year Miss Emily Doubleday resigned the position of organist, which she had held for over twenty-five years. Suitable resolutions, expressive of the appreciation of the Vestry for her long and faithful service were entered on the minutes. Prof. Wm. Mildner succeeded Miss Doubleday as organist.

Messrs. Keese, Avery and R. H. White were chosen delegates to the Diocesan Convention, held in Albany in November.

At the Easter election in 1881, the following ticket was elected, viz: G. Pomeroy Keese, David A. Avery, Wardens. H. M. Hooker, A. A. Jarvis, Edward Clark, John Worthington, H. Sturges, W. T. Bassett, A. Lane and R. M. Townsend, Vestrymen. This was a warmly contested election, growing out of difficulties which had arisen between the Rector and a disaffected portion of the congregation. The Rector having declined to call the Vestry together no organization was effected, nor were any pew rents collected during the year.

The Rector reported parochial contributions for the year 1880, \$851.67, aside from pew rents; Diocesan, \$302.72; general, \$316.18; total, \$1,470.57.

In 1882, Hezekiah Sturges and Wilson T. Bassett were

elected Wardens, and S. W. Bingham, H. J. Bowers, D. L. Birge, Edward Clark, A. Gorringe, W. Mildner, A. Shaw, Vestrymen. There being a tie between Geo. W. Ernst and G. T. White, there was no election of the eighth Vestryman.

On the organization of the Vestry, W. Mildner was elected Clerk in place of Frederick L. Palmer, who had held the office for ten years, and W. C. Bowers was appointed Treasurer.

The financial report of the Parish for 1881 showed the contributions to have been: Parochial, \$1,792.50; Diocesan, \$288; general, \$82.76; total, \$2,163.26. The amount contributed by Mrs. Carter to the Chapel addition, and the amount raised for Church repairs, \$3,500 in all, in 1880, appears in the report of this year as added to the above.

In June, 1882, Rev. Dr. Lord resigned the Rectorship of the Parish. This was accepted at a meeting held in September following. At the same meeting a call was extended to Rev. G. F. Williams of Port Tobacco, Maryland. This call was declined.

In October of this year, died Mr. Edward Clark, a member of the Vestry for eight years past.

After the retirement of Dr. Lord, the Rev. John Anketell of New York became a temporary supply until the 1st of December. Following him, the Rev. Caspar M. Wines officiated for three months and then received a call to the Rectorship at a salary of \$1,300.

At the commencement of this winter a new double furnace was put in the Church at a cost of about \$350.

At the election for Wardens and Vestrymen, Easter week, 1883, the only changes made were in the choice of Alfred C. Clark in place of Edward Clark, and Theodore C. Turner and R. H. White in room of Andrew Shaw and to fill the vacancy of the previous year. Mr. W. Mildner was re-elected Clerk.

Mr. Turner having declined to serve, a vacancy was thereby created in the Vestry, and subsequently Messrs. White and Gorringe resigning, a special election was called to choose four Vestrymen. This election resulted in the choice of H. M. Hooker, Albert Lane, R. M. Townsend and W. H. Merchant.

During this year repairs were made on the Rectory amounting to \$120, and about \$500 spent in furnishing the same in order to prepare the house for Rev. Mr. Wines and family.

Messrs. Sturges, Keese and Townsend were elected delegates to the Diocesan Convention of this year.

At a meeting held March 11th, 1884, the Rector offered his resignation to take effect July 1st following. The same was accepted.

At the Easter election of 1884, the following officers were chosen, viz: H. M. Hooker and R. M. Townsend, Wardens. D. L. Birge, G. P. Keese, D. A. Avery, E. M. Harris, W. H. Merchant, T. C. Turner, A. Lane, L. B. Cruttenden, Vestrymen. On the organization of the Vestry, Mr. Lee B. Cruttenden was appointed Clerk. At this time also, committees were designated who should have charge respectively of the "Church property," of the "letting of pews," and of the "finances." Mr. Mildner tendered his resignation as organist.

A communication was received from Mrs. Carter, asking permission to complete the Chapel by placing an Altar therein, and to make such other additions as shall be concurred in by the Rector and Wardens, which was granted.

At a meeting of the Vestry held in May of this year a call to the Rectorship was made to Rev. Robert Gross of New York. This call was declined.

In June following, the Rev. Charles S. Olmsted, then of Morley, was called as Rector. This call was accepted and Mr. Olmsted entered upon his duties July 1st. At this time Mr. Cruttenden was appointed Treasurer of the Parish. Some of the furniture placed in the Rectory two years ago not being required by the present Rector the same was ordered to be sold.

The total contributions of this year were reported at \$3,319.85; of which \$335.25 were Parochial; \$335.25 Diocesan; and \$25 general.

On Christmas Day of this year, a new altar, altar cross and festival hangings were in use for the first time, being the gift of Mrs. Carter.

Mr. A. R. G. Pearce, a visitor at Cooperstown, having most

acceptably presided at the organ for three months without compensation, received a suitable acknowledgment from the Vestry.

At the Vestry election of 1885, the only change made was that of W. C. Bowers in place of Albert Lane. The contributions of the year varied but little from the year previous, showing a total of \$3,365.44.

There was no change in the Vestry at the election of 1886, but subsequently, Messrs. D. L. Birge and T. C. Turner resigned. Mr. Cruttenden was appointed Clerk, and W. H. Merchant, Treasurer.

During this year the Vestry borrowed the sum of \$2,000 on a promissory note to pay the accumulated debt of the Parish, occasioned by the failure to organize the Vestry in 1881, and to collect the pew rents of that year when due. Extraordinary expenses were also incurred for the two years following, in furnishing the Rectory and in advances to the Rector. The sum total being the amount named above.

The report of the Parish for this year showed: Baptisms 11; confirmations 9; communicants 247. Contributions: Parochial \$2,334.92; Diocesan \$279.68; general \$157.24; total \$2,771.84.

At the election in Easter week, 1887, H. M. Hooker and W. T. Bassett were chosen Wardens, and W. H. Merchant, D. A. Avery, L. B. Cruttenden, R. H. White, H. C. Bowers, Geo. T. Brown, C. J. Tuttle and G. P. Keese, Vestrymen. Messrs. Keese, Hooker and Merchant represented the Parish at the Diocesan Convention. The total contributions reported this year were \$3,412.83.

The only change made in the Vestry of 1888 was the election of Mr. S. E. Crittenden in place of D. A. Avery, removed from the village.

The Rector's full report of the Parish for this year is as follows: Number of families 136, individuals 501, baptisms 17, confirmed 9, marriages 3, burials 9, communicants 261. Public services, all Sundays and Holy days, and Litany days. Holy Communion, all Sundays and Holy days. Sunday School

teachers 14, scholars 140. Offerings: Parochial, Alms at Holy Communion, \$170.68; current expenses, including salaries, \$2,513.27; Sunday School, \$168; payment of Church debt, \$2,061; tiling the Church porch, (gift of Miss Carr and Mrs. McNamee,) \$44.53; Mite Society, \$44.36; Lenten Sewing Society, \$337.75; from Sunday School for Scholarship, St. Mark's School, Salt Lake City, \$40; special, \$21; total, \$5,400.59. Diocesan: Missions, \$150.22; salary of the Bishop, \$60; Diocesan fund, \$36; Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$6.87; aged and infirm clergy fund, \$10; widows and orphans, \$10.04; Orphan House, \$71.83; Theological education, \$10.96; other offerings for objects within the Diocese, including \$41.50 toward Cathedral Stall, \$103.03. Total, \$458.95. General, \$113.06. Grand total, \$5,972.62.

During this year a committee of the women of the Parish was formed, to be known as the Rectory Fund Committee, who should solicit subscriptions toward the building of a new Rectory, a fund of \$2,000 having already been secured. The initial work, and its successful accomplishment, was largely due to the interest exhibited in the work by Mrs. E. M. Harris. Subsequently a committee of the Vestry was appointed to assist in the same object. Mrs. Laidley presented an Altar Service Book in memory of Mrs. Carter, which was duly acknowledged.

At the Vestry election in 1889, W. D. Boden was chosen in place of George T. Brown. Sufficient funds being at hand to warrant proceeding with the building of the Rectory, the Vestry employed Mr. James Constable of Utica to prepare plans for the same and submit them to a future meeting.

After some modifications the plans were adopted and a contract let to Mr. S. R. Barnes for the sum of \$7,000. The old building was sold for \$80. A building was rented as a temporary residence for the Rector's family, on South Fair street, in the rear of the Church.

The financial report of this year shows: Contributions, Parochial, \$9,753.10, (of which \$7,000 was for the building of the Rectory); Diocesan, \$522.31, (of which \$117.96 was for work in the Convocation of the Susquehanna, and \$59.50 bal-

ance of \$100 for the Cathedral Stall); general, \$120.66; total, \$10,396.07.

There was no change of Wardens or Vestrymen at the Easter election of 1890. At a Vestry meeting held in June, the Rev. Dr. Alfred B. Beach, a former Rector of the Parish, having become a resident of the village, the use of Pew No. 68 in the Church was tendered to him during his life.

The salary of the Rector, which had previously been \$1,200 per annum, was this year raised to \$1,500.

Messrs. Keese, Bassett and Tuttle were appointed a committee on Church improvement, who should inspect the Church building and report what changes and additions are desirable. Subsequently the committee made a report, which was laid on the table, to receive a communication from the children of the late Mrs. Carter, which led to the adoption of a resolution by the Vestry:

Resolved, That the Vestry of Christ Church accept with much pleasure and gratitude the offer of Mrs. Philip A. H. Brown, Mrs. G. Hyde Clarke, Miss Carter and Mr. L. Averell Carter, to build a Chancel as a memorial to their mother, the late Mrs. J. R. A. Carter, and their gift of land on which to erect a portion of it.

At the same meeting the Vestry authorized the purchase of the house and lot in the rear of the Church for the sum of \$1,000, subject to the life interest of Mrs. S. K. Thompson in the same.

Messrs. Keese, Crittenden and Hooker represented the Parish at the Diocesan Convention of this year.

The Rectory was completed during this year and occupied by the Rector and his family. Some changes and additions were made at a cost of \$822.46, which was included in the report of the year, as follows: Parochial, \$4,225.81; Diocesan, \$321.50; general, \$246; total, \$4,793.31.

There was no change in the Vestry of 1891. During this year was built the Carter Memorial Chancel, the corner stone of which has the following inscription:

"AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM
ET IN MEMORIAM
JANE RUSSELL CARTER,
A. D. 1891."

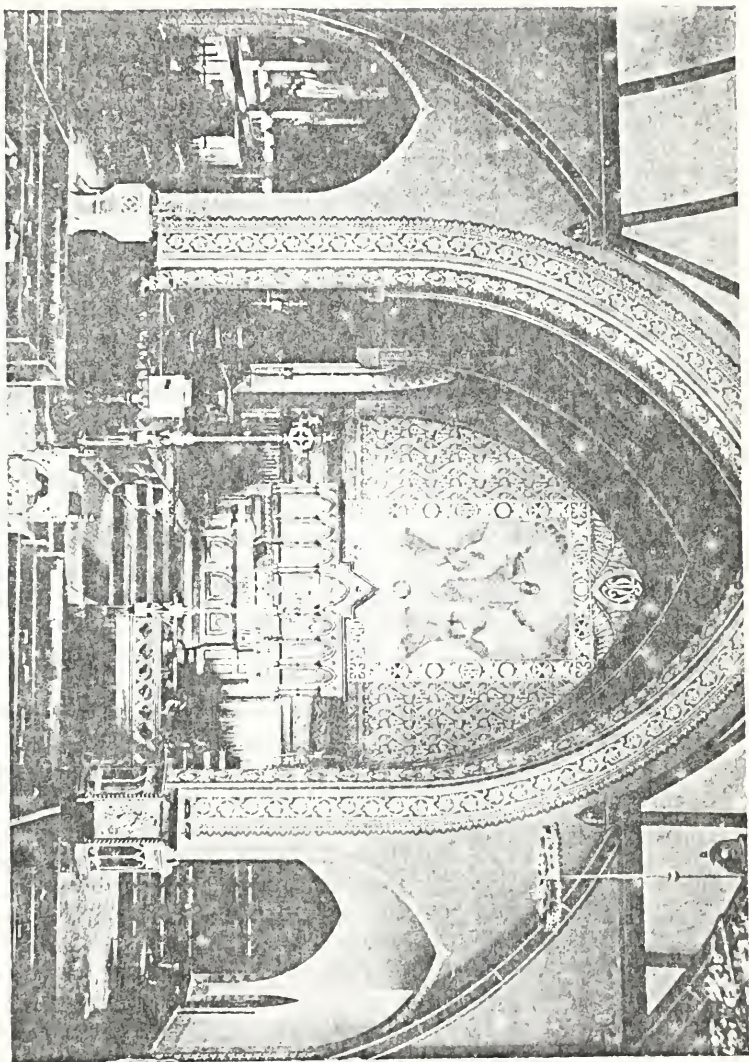
This is built of native blue quarry stone, with Lake Superior red sand stone trimmings, and consists of an addition 30x40 feet, divided into a choir, sanctuary, choir and clergy robing-rooms and choir aisle. The interior is finished in oak with stencil decorations. A reredos over the Altar contains paintings of Saints with the Agnes Dei in the centre. A painting of the Ascension, after Hofman, 10x15 feet, occupies the rear wall of the Chancel. The contractors for the work were Jeans & Taylor of New York; Charles J. Tuttle, mason; Edward W. Stent, decorator; glass by J. & R. Lamb.

The consecration services were held on St. Luke's Day, October 28, 1891, by Bishop Doane, assisted by Bishop Coleman of Delaware, who preached the sermon from Revelations, 4: 11. There were present of the clergy, Rev. Chas. S. Olmsted, Rector, and a number from the Diocese of Albany, and Rev. John W. Brown of St. Thomas's, New York, Rev. P. A. H. Brown of St. John's, New York, Rev. Mr. Reazor, Orange, N. J., Rev. Mr. Synnott of Ithaca, Rev. Mr. Whitaker of Long Island, Rev. James F. Olmsted of New York. At this service a surpliced choir of men and boys was introduced for the first time. Mr. Le Jeune, organist of St. John's, New York, presided at the organ and acted as director.

During the summer, while the Chancel was building, a number of changes and repairs were made to the Church, by order of the Vestry. The rose window, formerly in the chancel, was placed in the gable of the north transept; the small circular window, known as the "Ladies' window," being removed to the south gable; the organ was placed in a chamber built for it in the choir; the exterior of the Church was painted and some additions and changes made in the pews.

After the completion of the Church and Chancel, the Bishop's chair formerly in use, was presented to Bishop Johnston of Western Texas for use in his jurisdiction, and the Prayer Desk and other chair for use in the Diocese of Albany, as the Diocesan Missionary should direct.

Repairs were made upon the Chapel this year, including a new tin roof.



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The financial report of 1891 shows: Parochial offerings, \$17,918.48, in which is included the Carter Memorial Chancel; Diocesan, \$554.57; general, \$113.80; total \$18,586.85.

There was no change in the Vestry in 1892. A choir having been organized with boys and adults, both male and female, to the number of twenty-four, all of whom were duly vested, Mr. G. B. Snyder was engaged as choir master. Later in the season, Mrs. Austin having resigned the position of organist which she had held for a number of years, Miss Saxton was appointed to succeed her, an office which she subsequently filled as Mrs. E. V. Adams.

The total expenses of the choir now amounting to about \$1,000 the members of the congregation were asked to make a special contribution to provide for this amount, over and above the sum paid for pew rent. This sum was raised and has been continued annually to the present time.

During this season Mrs. Morgan Dix presented a Hymn Board for use in the Church, there being but one previously.

The financial report of the year gives the Parochial contributions at \$4,442.26, of which \$1,000 was for the improvement of the Church property; Diocesan, \$441.13; general, \$1,706.64; in this is included \$1,325 given to Bishop Johnston for his work in Western Texas. Total, \$6,509.03.

G. Pomeroy Keese, S. E. Crittenden, and L. Averell Carter represented the Parish at the Diocesan Convention.

The only change made at the Easter election of 1893 was that of William Constable in place of Henry C. Bowers.

In June of this year occurred the death of Mr. S. E. Crittenden, a member of the Vestry; his place was filled at the next election by Lynn J. Arnold.

In June, 1893, a new bell, weighing 1,500 pounds, was presented to the Church by the Rev. Dr. Dix, Rector of Trinity Church, New York, in memory of his father, General John A. Dix, who in early life was a member of the Parish. It is said that as a young lawyer he made his first speech in public in an address to the Sunday School, and as its Superintendent. The bell bears the following inscription: "Presented to Christ

Church, Cooperstown, June 11th, 1893, by Morgan Dix, in memory of his father, John A. Dix."

The offerings this year were: Parochial, \$4,108.49; Diocesan, \$490.50; general, \$68.17; total, \$4,667.16.

The Melodeon which had heretofore been used in the Chapel having been moved into the choir room of the Church, a piano was secured in its place at a yearly rental.

There was no change in the Vestry in 1894, except as previously noted. The financial report of this year shows: Parochial contributions, \$4,447.40; Diocesan, \$447.13; general, \$124; total, \$5,018.53.

On the last day of the year 1894 occurred the death of Miss Susan Fenimore Cooper, to whom, more than to any other, the Church in Cooperstown owes the origin and organization of the several charities connected therewith, the Charity House, Mission to the County Poor House, Orphan House, and in the village the Thanksgiving Hospital. The Mission to the Poor House was discontinued after the establishment of the Orphan House.

The Vestry remained without change in 1895. The Charity House, the property of the Church, was damaged by fire in the spring of this year to the extent of the burning of the upper story. The loss was covered by insurance.

At a session of the Vestry held in April, a request was received from Mrs. James Dunbar, asking permission to place a stained glass window in the Church in memory of her deceased daughter. The window is the centre one of the three on the south aisle.

In the summer of this year a brass Processional Cross was presented by Mr. J. F. Brower, as a memorial of his mother.

Later in the year a committee of ladies was appointed by the Rector to solicit subscriptions for a memorial window to Miss Cooper. Contributions from within and without the Parish were received to the amount of \$550. The window, which is the centre one on the north aisle, was unveiled on Christmas Day, 1895.

The Vestry received during this year, a legacy of \$300 from

the estate of Miss Cooper, the interest to be expended annually in keeping in order the plot within the Church grounds known as the "Cooper Burying Ground."

The report of the Parish for this year, being the last in the Rectorship of the Rev. C. S. Olmsted, D. D., is herewith given in full.

Parochial: Baptisms (adults 10, infants 14), 24; confirmed 17; marriages 9; burials 13; communicants 286. Public services, all Sundays, Holy days, Wednesdays and Fridays, and daily in Lent. Holy communion every Sunday and Holy day. Sunday School: teachers 14, pupils 140. Lane Hill Sunday School, pupils 40; Otsego Sunday School, teachers 3, pupils 30; Chase Sunday School, teachers 2, pupils 18. Young Men's Bible Class 15.

Offerings: Parochial, at Holy Communion, \$212.91; current expenses, including salaries, \$3,203.15; by Sunday School, \$34.52; for Sunday School, \$91.98; St. Margaret's Guild, \$26.31; Altar Guild, \$58.31; Hymnals and music, \$359; Mite Society, \$45.74; Woman's Auxiliary, \$390.77; Girls' Friendly Society, \$63.50; memorial window, \$500; Cooper legacy \$300; parochial mission, \$77.55; total, \$5,363.94.

Diocesan—Missions, \$150; salary of Bishop, \$80; Diocesan fund, \$45; Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$3.37; aged and infirm clergy, \$5.30; widows and orphans of clergy, \$6.30; Orphan House, \$65.65; Archdeaconry of the Susquehanna, \$21.74; Chapter House fund, \$118.25; total, \$496.61.

General—Foreign missions, \$23.18; Indian mission, \$13.86; mission to colored persons, \$13.86; Bishop Gray, Southern Florida, \$61.84; Mr. Shimmion, toward his education, \$41.54; total, \$154.28. Total of offerings, \$6,014.83. Value of Church property, \$40,000; Rectory, \$8,000; insurance on same, \$21,500. Salary pledged to the Rector, \$1,500.

At a meeting of the Vestry held March 11th, 1896, a legacy of \$1,000 was received from the executors of the late Thomas McIntosh, under the proviso that the interest, so far as necessary, should be expended in the care and preservation of the graves and monument now in the churchyard of the father and

mother of legator, and the balance be paid annually to the Rector. The amount was duly invested by order of the Vestry. At the same meeting an offer was made and accepted of a gift of a Lantern for the Church porch by Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Zabriskie.

There was no change in the Vestry in 1896. On the first of June, the Rev. Dr. Olmsted, having received a call to St. Asaph's Church, Bala, Pa., resigned the Rectorship to take effect July 1st. The resignation was accepted and appreciative resolutions adopted by the Vestry. At the same meeting, on the request of Dr. Olmsted, he was allowed a burial spot in the churchyard, by the side of his mother, who had died and was buried there during his Rectorship.

At a meeting of the Vestry, held July 2d, a call to the Rectorship of the Parish was given to the Rev. Richmond Shreve, D. D., then of Holy Innocents Church, Albany, which call was accepted and Dr. Shreve entered upon his duties the first Sunday in August.

The report of the Parish for this year shows the offerings to have been for Parochial objects, \$5,433.20; Diocesan, \$360.42; general, \$78.69; total, \$5,872.31.

There was no change in the Vestry for 1897. On Easter day of this year a Memorial Pulpit to the memory of Father Nash, the first Rector of the Parish, was put in place and used for the first time. An appropriate and historical sermon was preached by the Rector on the Sunday following, giving an account of Father Nash's labors as a missionary in Otsego and other counties of the State, and especially of the organization of the Parish of Christ Church. The sermon also records with appropriate notice all the memorials heretofore placed in the Church. The fund for the pulpit was started by contributions from the congregation and Sunday School, and afterwards completed by early friends of the Parish. It is of oak and brass with a bronze frontal of Christ blessing little children, in relief. The cost was about \$260. The old pulpit was sent as a donation to the missionary station at Norwood, N. Y.

At a Vestry meeting held in May of this year certain spe-

cific duties were adopted as requirements of a choirmaster, which Mr. Snyder declined to accept, and the office was filled by a committee of the Vestry, raised for that purpose, and Mr. Herbert H. Combs, late of Gardiner, Maine, was engaged at a salary of \$400 per annum, from August 27th.

A lawn festival was held on the grounds of Holt-Averell in August, for the purpose of raising money to put a basement under the Chapel, and a furnace therein, which was subsequently done at a cost of about \$300.

A carved oak Litany Desk was presented to the Church on All Saints' Day of this year by Mrs. F. U. Johnston, as a memorial to her late husband, Dr. F. U. Johnston, a former Vestryman of the Parish. At the same time a Litany Book was given in memory of Mrs. Sill, by her children.

The full parochial record is given of this year, as being the first under the charge of the present Rector, Rev. Dr. Shreve. Parochial—baptisms, 58; confirmed, 26; marriages, 2; burials, 13; communicants, 309. Public services—Sundays 142, holy days 31, other days 95; total 268. Holy communion—public 72, private 3; total 75. Sunday School—Teachers and scholars and Bible class, 142. Services at missions, 22; St. Andrew's Mission Sunday School, 53; Pierstown, 32.

Offerings and Contributions—Parochial: Alms, \$207.10, current expenses, including salaries, \$3,086.13; for Sunday School, \$131.36; repairs and improvement of Church property, \$606.91; liquidation of liabilities, \$507; Father Nash memorial fund, \$263.28; Woman's Auxiliary, \$294.85; Mite Society, \$42.37; Altar Guild, \$128.41; music, \$18.70; St. Margaret's Chapter, \$10. Total, \$5,296.11.

Diocesan—Diocesan missions, \$150; salary of the Bishop, \$80; Diocesan fund, \$45; Bible and Prayer Book Society, \$5.97; funds for aged clergy and widows and orphans, \$26.46; Theological education, \$17.26; Orphan House, \$80.08; deaf mute work, \$10; salary of Diocesan missionary, \$15; Archdeaconry of the Susquehanna, \$10; total, \$439.77. General, for various missions, \$91.11. Total for all objects, \$5,834.99.

Sources of Income—Offerings at Church services, \$585.04;

subscriptions and donations, \$1,532; Sunday School, \$60.29; pew rents, \$1,930.49; proceeds of endowments, \$120; total, \$4,227.82.

There was no change in the Vestry for 1898. In April of this year occurred the death of Mr. George W. Ernst, a former Vestryman and Warden of the Parish, and whose father, Mr. John F. Ernst, was one of the incorporators of the same, January 1st, 1811, serving in the first Vestry, and as Warden the following year. Suitable resolutions were adopted by the Vestry.

Several improvements were made upon the Church grounds during the spring. The buckthorn hedge on the south of the Rectory lot was removed on account of unseemly growth, and the entire plot enclosed by one of arbor vitæ. A portion of the Cooper burying ground was graded and seeded, and the Church walks and borders were repaired.

An entertainment was given in the Village Hall in August of this year which netted about \$500. To this was added a donation from Mr. Averell Carter of \$200, making \$700 in all, which was applied to the reduction of a note of \$1,000 carried as a Church debt.

The two old furnaces under the main body of the Church having become unfit for use a new one to take their place was put in during September. Three gifts to the furniture and sacred vessels of the Church were made during this year, a silver Chalice in memory of Miss Ellen Stockton; a brass Ewer by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Brown as a thank offering for a recovery from severe illness in their family, and an oak and brass Font Cover from Mr. Keese for a like mercy in his family.

The Parish was represented in the Diocesan Convention of this year by Messrs. Cruttenden, Keese and Boden. Within a month thereafter occurred the death of William D. Boden, a member of the Vestry for ten years last past. Resolutions of respect were entered on the minutes.

The financial report of the year as made to the Convention shows the contributions to have been as follows: Parochial, \$4,309.51; Diocesan, \$729.50; general, \$1,276.94. Of this last, \$600 was a special offering for foreign missions, and \$120 was

given to Bishop Johnston of Western Texas, for work in his jurisdiction, making a grand total of \$6,315.96.

At the Easter election of 1899, the only change made was that of Henry D. Sill in place of the late W. D. Boden. The financial report to the Vestry was the most satisfactory ever made in the history of the Parish, showing a surplus over the year's expenses.

Early in the year, the village gas works having been disabled, a contract was made for lighting the Church and rectory by electric light. This was carried out at a cost of somewhat over \$400.

In April, Miss Sill presented, for the use of the Chapel, a fine reed Organ. It was placed on the north side, the library being removed to the opposite side. The thanks of the Vestry were made to Miss Sill for her liberal gift.

At the present time a fund is being raised, mostly through the members of the Bible class, for the purchase of an eagle lectern. The same will be completed and the lectern in place during the coming season.

This record of Christ Church history closes with the date of its publication, June 1st, 1899, ninety-two years after the erection of the original building, and eighty-eight years since the organization as a Parish. Notwithstanding occasional periods of halting, not to say retrograding, it has steadily grown in rank and position among the rural Parishes of the Diocese until it now stands second to none. With a property worth, at a conservative valuation, over \$40,000, and free from debt, a communicant list of 275, and annual contributions from all sources of over \$5,000, the day of small things has passed away.

With continued harmonious action between Rector and people, and the absence of any cause of discord, there is no reason why the future historian should have anything to record but an advance in all things, both temporal and spiritual, for which thanks be to GOD and to His Son Jesus Christ, who has given His name to this Church.

June 1, 1899.

Rectors.

The Rectors of Christ Church from the organization to the present time :

*DANIEL NASH,	-	-	from 1811 to 1836.
FRED'K T. TIFFANY,	{	as Missionary, - 1820. as Rector, from 1839 to 1845.	
ALFRED B. BEACH,	-		from 1845 to 1848.
STEPHEN H. BATTIN,	-		from 1848 to 1858.
STEPHEN H. SYNNOTT,	-		from 1858 to 1866.
D. HILLHOUSE BUEL,	-		from 1867 to 1872.
PHILIP A. H. BROWN,	-		from 1872 to 1874.
BRADY E. BACKUS,	-	-	from 1874 to 1876.
WILLIAM W. LORD, D. D.,			from 1876 to 1882.
CASPAR M. WINES,	-	-	from 1883 to 1884.
CHARLES S. OLMSTED, D. D.,			from 1884 to 1896.
RICHMOND SHREVE, D. D.,			from 1896 to —.

*NOTE.—Daniel Nash, familiarly and affectionately known as "Father Nash," resigned as Rector in 1818, but his title to the office was continued until his death in 1836.

Clerks of the Vestry.

Isaac Cooper, 1811 to 1818, excepting 1812, during which year William C. Jarvis served.

John F. Ernst, 1818 to 1829.

Harvey Luce 1830 and 1831.

No record for the years 1832 and 1833.

Henry Brown, 1834 to 1836.

E. D. Richardson, 1837 and 1838.

Henry B. Ernst, 1839 to 1845.

Edwin Jackson, 1846 to 1849.

William A. Comstock, 1849 to 1871.

Frederick L. Palmer, 1871 to 1881.

William Mildner, 1882 to 1884.

Lee B. Cruttenden, 1884 to the present date.

Treasurers.

Up to 1868 the office of Clerk and Treasurer was filled by the same person.

In 1868, C. R. Burch was appointed Treasurer, serving until 1870.

F. L. Palmer, 1870-1881.

W. C. Bowers, 1882-1884.

Seeley P. Smith, 1884-1886.

W. H. Merchant, 1886 to present time.

Sextons.

As far as recorded the first appointment appears to have been that of Jacob M. Platner in 1818, at a salary of \$10 a year.

In 1834, Charles Slayden served both as Organist and Sexton, and for the combined duties he received \$100 a year.

In 1835, Nathan Weeks was appointed Sexton at a salary of \$15. He was succeeded in 1837 by Joseph D. Husbands, familiarly known as "Joe Tom," who served until 1860.

Solomon A. Bailey, Smith Adsit and Richard Russell, filled the position for the succeeding ten years in the order named.

Delos Van Nort, the present Sexton, was appointed in 1870.

The Choir.

Upon the organization of the Parish in 1811, it is recorded that "Mr. Jarvis Edson and Bartlett Rogers have the direction of the singing." The same served until 1815, when Augustus Rogers was added. From 1817 to 1821, Augustus Rogers, Isaac N. Smith and Elias Clark served as choristers. In 1821, A. Rogers, Miles Benjamin and Kent Jarvis.

The first recorded appointment of an organist, is that of Moritz Richter, in 1839. He was followed by John Rogers, but the records do not show his time of service; it was for several years however. Miss Emily Doubleday succeeded, taking the organ and having charge of the music for over twenty-five years, and until 1884. Several short periods of service followed, Miss Mary Steere most capably filling the position in 1885. She gave place to Prof. W. Mildner, who acted for one year. Mrs. B. F. Austin gave most good and efficient service from 1885 until 1892. She was succeeded by Miss Saxton, afterwards Mrs. E. V. Adams, who resigned the position in April, 1899, much to the regret of the congregation. The present organist is Miss L. Blanche Root.

No choirmaster, as such, was appointed until after the organization of the surpliced choir in 1891. Mr. G. B. Snyder took charge in 1892, and much of the efficiency of the present choir is due to his capable and efficient leadership. Mr. Herbert H. Combs succeeded in 1897, and he has fully maintained the high standard already attained as well as his own reputation as choirmaster.

During the earlier days of the quartette choir, the Misses Doubleday, Mrs. Allen, Thomas H. Bingham and Edward Crandall gave regular and pains-taking service. At that date the organ and choir were in the gallery over the front entrance.

The Sunday School.

There is no recorded account of the organization of a Sunday School connected with the Parish, although there can be no doubt that Father Nash, who had such a warm place in his heart for the "Lambs of the Flock," established a school in every place where he founded a Church.

As far back as 1828, however, one existed with Mrs. Pomeroy as Superintendent, and it is unwritten history that General John A. Dix, who afterwards became so distinguished in public life, made his maiden speech in an address before the school.

Later, the Rectors in office took charge of the school until 1867, when the then Rector, Rev. D. Hillhouse Buel, appointed G. Pomeroy Keese, Superintendent. This office was held by Mr. Keese until 1895, with the exception of two intermediate years when Wm. Mildner took charge.

The present Superintendent is Professor W. D. Johnson.

Bible Classes have been established at several times and with varying success. The one now existing under the present rectorship, open as it is to any and all members of the congregation, has proved both instructive and permanent.

Societies and Organizations

within the Parish for Charitable and Religious work.

The Charity Box,

organized January, 1843, in accordance with the following prospectus of its work :

PLAN OF THE CHARITY BOX.

It is the plan of the Charity Box of Christ Church, Cooperstown, to provide a permanent means of relieving the poor of the village, and of contributing to any religious work going on in the Parish, by the profits of needle and fancy work, knitting, etc., offered by the female members of the congregation.

A regular plan for this purpose was approved and adopted at a meeting held at the house of Mrs. Starkweather, January, 1843. Present, Mrs. G. Starkweather, Mrs. Henry Scott, Miss Miller, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Crippen, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Geo. Ernst, Mrs. Holvold and Miss S. F. Cooper.

PLAN.—Two Managers to be chosen. A box to be provided for the work and placed at one of the taverns of the village. Three books to be purchased, one to contain a list of the work received, a second the receipt of money, a third the expenditure. The first Manager to have charge of the box and money; the second Manager to keep the books. The Managers to be chosen from the contributors of work, and to be elected for six months, or a year at a time; any lady who is willing to take charge of the box, or books, becomes a Manager by signing a receipt for the same, at the request of those last on duty, and without the formality of a regular election.

Any contributor of work has a right to examine the books at any time.

Any contributor has a right to recommend any person she may think fit, as an object of charity, and it shall be the duty of the Managers to attend to the same.

The contributors of work to put a price on their own work.

Orders for work to be received by the Managers, or contributors.

The articles in the box may be sent round by a peddler, from time to time, and a regular sale of that kind to be held before Christmas every year.

The profits of the work to be given to the poor of the village; especially *widows, orphans, the aged and the sick*. Whenever any religious work is going on in the Parish, such as repairing the Church, etc., it shall be the duty of the Managers to contribute to the same, provided there be always a small fund in reserve for the use of the poor.

No regard to be paid to the religious opinions of those poor receiving relief from the box. It shall be the especial duty of the Managers, however, to see that no poor family of the parish is overlooked, if any such belonging to the congregation of Christ Church needs assistance.

The wishes of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen, to be duly attended to, in case of any religious work going on in the Parish, and suitable endeavors made to comply with them.

"Be not weary in well doing."

January, 1843.

The present Cooperstown branch of the Woman's Auxiliary for mission work is the successor of the Charity Box. Its officers are: Mrs. William Constable, President; Mrs. Shreve and Mrs. Hooker, Vice Presidents; Mrs. Cruttenden, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Mite Society

was organized in 1846, as shown by the proceedings of its first meeting:

The Mite Society of Christ Church, Cooperstown, was organized at a meeting held in the Parish Church for that purpose, on Wednesday, August 19th, 1846, when the following regulations were adopted:

This Society shall be called the Mite Society of Christ Church, Cooperstown.

The object of this Society shall be to raise by small contributions, a fund to be devoted to the missions of the Church,

and such other charitable and parish purpose as shall be decided upon by vote of the managers, with the approbation of the Rector.

The contributions of each subscriber shall be from one cent to six cents monthly. This Society shall be regulated by a Board of Managers, a Secretary and Treasurer. The Managers shall be six in number.

A monthly meeting of the Managers, Treasurer and Secretary shall be punctually held on the first Thursday in every month at eleven o'clock in the morning ; at which time all business shall be transacted, and the funds collected by the Managers paid over to the Secretary. The money so received to be entered by the Secretary on the books of the Society, and then given into the hands of the Treasurer, from whom a receipt is taken. Every appropriation of money to be also entered on the books and signed by the Treasurer and Secretary.

A general meeting of the subscribers shall be held annually, at which the proceedings of the past year are declared and officers for the ensuing year elected.

These regulations having been adopted, the following persons were chosen for the ensuing year, dating from September 1st, 1846: Managers: Mrs. Henry Scott, Mrs. P. Johnson, Mrs. Steele, Mrs. Theodore Keese, Mrs. Chandler Root, Miss Ingalls; Treasurer, Miss Mary Miller; Secretary, Miss S. F. Cooper.

Its present officers are: Miss Cooper, Treasurer; Miss Keese, Secretary; Misses Bowen, Starkweather, Mary Crutten-den, C. M. Keese, Annie Ernst, Martha Boden, Managers.

The Altar Guild

was organized in 1885, under the following constitution:

I.

The Guild shall be called the Altar Guild of Christ Church, Cooperstown.

II.

It shall consist of such persons as the Rector of said Parish may designate.

III.

Its existence, continuance, and purposes are defined by the Rector, and of course it ceases with the ceasing of his tenure of the Parish.

IV.

The officers are the Rector of the Parish, and a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who are to be elected at each annual meeting.

V.

It shall have two regular meetings in the year, viz. : one on the Feast of the Annunciation of the B. V. M. or on the Eve thereof, and one on the Feast of Michaelmas, or on the Eve thereof. The meeting on the former feast or on its Eve shall be the annual meeting.

VI.

The objects of the Guild are in general such as may be from time to time defined by the Rector, as well as the following :

1st. To promote among themselves an ever more and more careful preparation for the receiving of the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, and a profound reverence for the dignity of that holy Mystery.

2d. To secure an attendance upon every celebration of the Holy Communion in the Parish.

3d. To care for the Altar and Sanctuary of Christ Church and the Chapel thereof.

4th. To keep the linen, furniture and ornaments of the Sanctuary in perfect wholeness, cleanness and order.

5th. Care of Altar consists in changing colored cloths, in putting on and taking off the fair linen cloth ; in having a pitcher of fresh water in the Vestry room at times of Holy Communion. The Rector will still see to the bread and wine, the sacred vessels and the other linen for the Altar, and will do whatever he has done hitherto, except take care of the fair linen cloth.

6th. To prepare the Altar for the celebration of the Holy Communion.

7th. To procure flowers for the Altar at all feasts of the Church, and especially for those of Christmas day, Easter, Ascension day, Whitsun-day and Trinity Sunday.

8th. To make Altar linen for poor Churches and missions.

Each member of the Altar Guild should endeavor to receive the Holy Communion one Sunday in a month at an early celebration.

Altar Guild, 1899:

Miss Sill, President.

Mrs. Morgan, Vice President. Miss Shreve, Sec'y and Treas'r

Members:

Miss Dora Crittenden,	Miss Bessie Boden,
Miss Annie Ernst,	Miss Caroline M. Keese,
Miss Alice B. Keese,	Miss Nina Van Nort,
Miss Phœbe Pomeroy,	Miss Martha W. Boden,
Miss Laura Fish,	Miss Elizabeth C. Keese,
Miss Florence P. Keese,	Miss Augusta P. Welch,
Miss Grace Carter,	Miss Grace Bowen,

Miss Edith Welch.



Memorials and Thank-offerings

in Christ Church,
with the inscriptions on the same :

THE CARTER MEMORIAL CHANCEL.—1891.

BRASS ALTAR CROSS.—“A Thank-offering, Xmas, 1884.”
Gift of Mrs. Carter.

BRASS ALTAR PRAYER DESK.—“In loving Memory of
Mary M. Foot, 1806-1876; Mary A. Pumpelly, 1832-1877.”

ALTAR SERVICE BOOK.—Gift of Mrs. Jane A. Laidley.
“To the Glory of God and in memory of Mrs. Jane Russell
Averell Carter, who entered into Life, January 31, 1888. ‘Grant
Her, O Lord, Eternal Rest.’”

NOVA SCOTIA STONE FONT.—“In Memoriam, T. K., Sep-
tember 27, 1858.” Theodore Keese.

BRASS COVER of the same.—“A Thank-offering, A. B. K.,
1898.” Alice B. Keese.

BRASS EWER.—“A Thank-offering, J. W. B. and A. G. B.,
1898.” “In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Ghost.” Rev. J. W. Brown, D. D., and Mrs. Brown.

BRASS PROCESSIONAL CROSS.—Given by Mr. J. F. Brower.
“To Him Crucified, and in loving memory of Jeanette Cathe-
rine Brower, died May 28, 1874. Christ Church, Cooperstown,
N. Y. St. Michael and All Angels Day, 1895.”

SILVER CHALICE.—The gift of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Lord.
In memory of Miss Ellen Stockton.

CARVED OAK LITANY DESK.—“To the Glory of God and
in loving memory of Francis Upton Johnston, M. D., Novem-
ber 20, 1892.”

LITANY BOOK.—“In memory of Lavantia Wood Sill, Octo-
ber 8, 1897.”

OAK AND BRASS PULPIT.—“To the Glory of God and in

Pious Memory of Rev. Daniel Nash, First Rector of this Church, Obt. 1836."

MARBLE TABLET.—"Samuel Nelson, L.L. D. Born Nov. 10, 1792, died Dec. 13, 1873; Catherine A. Nelson, born Feb'y 21, 1805, died April 8, 1875. 'Blessed are the pure in Heart, for they shall see God.'"

OAK ALMS BOX at the Church door.—"In Memoriam, A. C." Mrs. Isaac Cooper.

THE CHURCH BELL.—"Presented to Christ Church, Cerstown, June 11th, 1893, by Morgan Dix, in memory of father, John A. Dix."

The Windows.

South Transept: "James Fenimore Cooper, a member of this Church, died Sept. 14, 1851, aged 62 years. 'He is the substance of things hoped for.'" Subject: "Christ giving sight to the blind man."

"Susan Augusta Fenimore Cooper. Died Jan'y 20, 1852. 'The ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price.'" Subject: Mary and Martha in the presence of Christ.

North Transept: "William H. Averell. Born July 8, 1794, died August 17, 1873." Subject: Figure of St. Paul.

"Jane A. M. R. Averell. Born August 5, 1805; died Oct. 19, 1833." Subject: Figure of the Angel Gabriel.

North Aisle: "In memoriam, Henry Scott, for 27 years senior Warden of this Church. Born Feb'y 14, 1792; died December 19, 1873. 'Blessed are the pure in Heart.'" Subject: "The Good Samaritan."

"To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Susan Augusta Fenimore Cooper, April 17, 1813, December 31, 1894. 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'" Subject: Charity.

South Aisle: "In memoriam, Jedediah Peck Sill. Born

May 28, 1808; died September 27, 1875. 'Whosoever giveth of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst.'" Subject: "Christ and the woman of Samaria."

"To the Glory of God and in memory of Grace Ehninger Dunbar, A. D., 1870-1894. 'Blessed are the pure in Heart, for they shall see God.'" Subject: Figure of an Angel.

Organ Aisle: "In memoriam, J. E. W. 'Thy will be done.'" Subject: "Resignation." Mrs. Kenneth G. White.

Other Windows.

THE ROSE WINDOW in the north transept, 10 feet in diameter, containing the emblems of the twelve Apostles. Presented by Mr. Edward Clark.

Small, circular window in the south transept, known as "The Ladies' Window." Emblem of the Lamb and banner.

Circular window in the tower, known as "The Children's Window." Emblem: Christ, the Good Shepherd.

Other Gifts, Not Memorials.

The Vases on the Altar—gift of Mrs. Carter.

Purple Burse and Veil—from Rev. Dr. J. W. Brown.

Red Burse and Veil—from Mrs. Zabriskie.

Glass Cruets—by fund raised by a member of the Altar Guild.

The Lantern in the Porch—gift of Mr. Zabriskie.

Tile flooring—gift of Miss Carr and Mrs. McNamee.

Chapel Organ—the gift of Miss Sill.

IN THE VESTRY

May be seen a model of the original Church; the marble baptismal bowl in use during the days of Father Nash; portraits of the Bishop of the Diocese, and of all the Rectors, one only being missing, with their dates of service.

These were procured and presented to the Church by a member of the Vestry.

The baptismal bowl was secured through the kindness of Mrs. Blodgett, in whose possession it was.

Legacies.

The Parish has received four legacies since its organization, viz.:

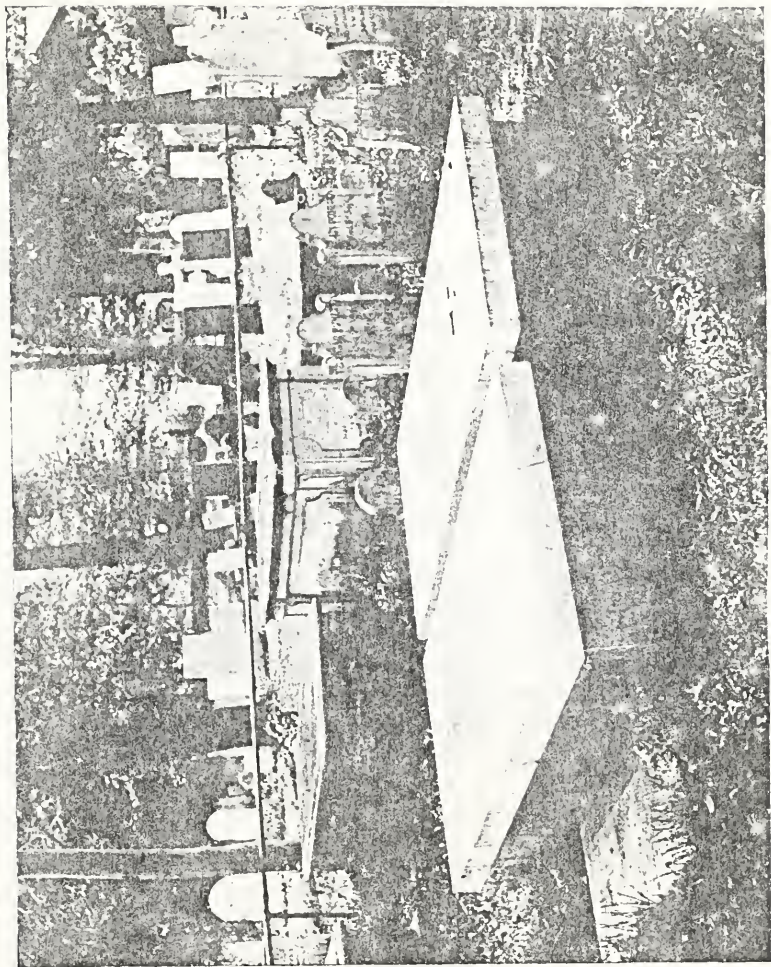
One thousand dollars from Theodore Keese, which became payable in 1872; one-half the income to be used for the Rector's salary, and one-half towards the repairs and improvement of the Church property.

Some years after the death of John Wilson, in 1874, a legacy of five hundred dollars was received from his estate. As this sum was without restrictions, it was used toward the payment for land in the rear of the Church.

Thomas McIntosh, who died in 1894, left one thousand dollars, the interest to be expended in the care and preservation of the graves of his father and mother, in the churchyard, and the remainder to the Rector of the Parish.

In 1895 three hundred dollars was received from the estate of Susan Fenimore Cooper, the interest of which is to be used in the care of the Cooper burying ground within the churchyard.

Total, \$2,800.



GRAVES OF FENIMORE COOPER AND WIFE, IN COOPER BURYING GROUND.

The Churchyard.

The churchyard, with its primitive growth of pines and stately elms and maples, is one of the most beautiful of rural cemeteries, reminding one of the more picturesque of its class in England.

Here "the rude forefathers of the hamlet sleep," as it was used for a burying place from the foundation of the village and fifteen years before the building of the Church.

When the gift of the deed of land was made by Judge Cooper, a portion was set aside for the use of the family of the donor, and it so remains until this day. The graves of Mr. Fenimore Cooper and wife are in the center of the plot, the tombs of his father and mother being seen just beyond.

The marble obelisk, on the main walk approaching the Church, marks the resting place of "Father Nash," the only Rector buried within the enclosure. The entire grounds comprise about two acres, containing the Church, Chapel and Rectory, with ample unoccupied land in the rear for the Parish and Sexton's houses of the future.

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